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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED FOLLOWING ARTICLE APPEARED IN DAILY
MAIL OF APRIL 23, 1975:

QTE ENVOY PALMER ON THE THIRD WORD MAJORITY POWER.
SIERRA LEONE'S AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES,
MR. PHILIP PAOMER, HAS SAID THAT THE ATTAINMENT OF
INDEPENDENCE BY AFRICAN COUNTRIES HAS GIVEN THE THIRD
WORLD ITS MOST SOLID FOUNDATION.

AMBASSADOR PALMER WAS GIVING A KEY-NOTE ADDRESS
AT THE FOREIGN BANQUET IN OKLAHOMA UNIVERSITY.

HIS TOPIC WAS 'THE THIRD WORLD MAJORITY AS A NEW
POWER IN THE UNITED NATIONS AND AN INSTRUMENT OF GLOBAL
CHANGE.'

MR. PALMER SAID THAT THE FOUNDING FATHERS OF THE
UNITED NATIONS ARE NO LONGER IN CONTROL OF
ORGANIZATION'S AFFAIRS.

THE STYLE APART FROM BEING UNREALISTIC, HE CONTINUED,
IS OBSTRUCTIVE TO THE INEREST OF THE MAJORITY WHICH IS
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THE THIRD WORLD.

IT IS NO SURPRISE, THEREFORE, THAT THE THIRD
WORLD COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN ACCUSED OF MASSING A MAJORITY
WHICH HAS BEEN FREQUENTLY DESCRIBED IN SOUTHERN CIRCLES
AS 'TYRANNICAL' HE ADDED.

CONTINUING AMBASSADOR PALMER SAID THAT THE MAIN
CAUSE FOR THE WEST-THIRD WORLD DIFFERENCES, IS THE
RELUCTANCE OF THE WEST TO ACCEPT THAT THE WORLD HAS
CONTINUED TO CHANGE SINCE WORLD WAR TWO.

THIS RELUCTANCE TO ACCEPT REALITY IS PLUNGING
THE TWO SIDES INTO A BITTER AND UNPRODUCTIVE CONFRONTATION
IN THE WORLD BODY IN WHICH REASON WOULD BE LOST.

AMBASSADOR PALMER STRENGTHENED HIS ARGUMENT BY
QUOTING UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL KURT WALDHEI.,
WHO SAID IN AN INTERVIEW WITH WASHINGTON STAR NEWS THAT
IT WAS CERTAINLY EASIER, ESPECIALLY FOR THE WESTERN
WORLD DURING THE TEN OR 15 YEARS AFTER THE CREATION
OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

THEIR INFLUENCE WAS MUCH GREATER THEN THAN IT IS
TODAY SINCE SO MANY NEW COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED.

AMBASSADOR PALMER EMPHASIZED THAT NO AMOUNT OF
WESTERN ANGER OR THREAT COULD FRIGHTEN THE THIRD
WORLD MAJORITY, PEOPLE WHO HAVE SURVIVED SLAVERY,
KNOWN HUMILIATION, LIVED IN BACKWARDNESS, AND ARE
STILL SUFFERING FROM EXPLOITATION.

WHILE IN OKLAHOMA, AMBASSADOR PALMER MET WITH
SIRRA LEONE STUDENTS AND OTHER AFRICAN STUDENTS IN
THE UNIVERSITY.

IN A RADIO AND TELEVISION INTERVIEW BEFORE HIS
DEPARTURE, AMBASSADOR PALMER DISCUSSED GENERAL AFRICAN
ISSUES, AND GAVE THE OAU'S VIEW ON THE SITUATION IN
SOUTHERN AFRICA AND COLONIALISM IN GENERAL, STRESSING
THE IMPORTANCE OVER AMERICAN UNDERSTANDING ON THESE
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AMBASSADOR PALMER'S COMMENTS FOR USE IN FUTURE CON-
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